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813TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
APO No. 403 U. S. ARMY

From: 0001 hrs. 1 August 1944.  
To : 2400 hrs. 31 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Thru Channels).

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1 Aug '44: 1. Record of Events: (Battalion attached to 79th Infantry Division.)  
On 1 August 1944, the 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion was in bivouac in the general vicinity of ST. URSIN, coord. 2330. The companies spent the day in the care, maintenance, and cleaning of equipment. The 1st plat of Rcn. Co. went on route Reconnaissance S to AVRANCHES and SE to St. LEONARD. They took sixteen prisoners and these were handed over the the PW cage. Bn. CO ordered Rcn. Co. to make the following reconnaissance defining the limit of zone reconnaissance.

South, to La SEE river: West, along St. JEAN le THOMAS-GENETS road; East, LA HAYE PESNEL ROCHELLE LOLIE le PONT road. One officer and two EM patrol were sent S of La SEE river as far as PONTABILT.

The Bn. CO (Major Jeffries) upon hearing of an enemy pocket SW of AVRANCHES, left the Bn. CP at approximately 1823 hours accompanied by two M-8s, and one 1/4 ton from Rcn. Co. leading this squad to the above stated location. After three hours of searching the squad returned to their company, and Major Jeffries to the Bn. CP at 2130 hrs.

2 Aug '44: At 1410 hours, 2 Aug '44 a stand to was issued to all elements in the Bn. alerting the various companies for movement to new bivouac area SW of AVRANCHES at 1600-1630 hours. A company commanders meeting was held at the Bn. CP in St. URSIN and provisions made for marking the route etc. At 1630 hours, the Bn. Executive vehicle moved out following the 1st plat of Company C. Order of March:

- One Platoon of Company C.
- Battalion Executive.
- Two Platoons of Company C.
- Company B.
- Two Platoons of Company A.
- Battalion CP Group.
- One Platoon Company A.

(Rear Echelon did not move until following day\* (Bn. CO had left previously to conduct personally order and route of march coordinating with Battalion S-1 and Battalion S-3. After a thirty minute halt occasioned by an artillery convoy the Battalion halted in a temporary area general vicinity of coord 319317 at 1945 hours closing about 2015 hours.

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At 0230 hrs, 3 Aug 44, the Bn CP Grp moved out and closed at 0300 hrs, at Coord 363864. Total distance covered 36.6 miles. At these coordinates the Bn. was about 5 to 6 miles N. of FOUGERES. Recon Co. pltns had been on route reconnaissance all day South to within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of FOUGERES and closed at Coord (3580) about 2 miles NW of FOUGERES; Co. A at (3877) about five miles N. of FOUGERES; Co. B at (3587); Co. C at (3787) its 1st pl. going into position at St JAMES, its 2nd and 3rd pltns going into pos at ST GEORGE. The 3rd pl of Co. C took three prisoners and turned them over to the 313th Inf Regt PW Camp.

3 Aug. 44

Bn C.O. (MAJOR JEFFRIES) went to Division Hq. (79th) and returned with the information that the 2nd Bn of the 315th Inf Regt. had the mission of clearing the town of FOUGERES-- to be followed by one anti-tank company, to be followed in turn by Co. A of the 813th T. D. Bn. The Infantry was to continue on through the town to secure the high ground immediately beyond FOUGERES. Recon Co was given the mission of reconnoitering all pertinent roads for the destroyer companies and to establish listening posts. Co A assigned mission of supporting the 749th Tank Battalion in the advance on FOUGERES and left its position 5 miles N FOUGERES at 0630 hrs, and arrived at the town at 0830 hrs. There was slight enemy resistance which included light shelling. The company was strafed by enemy planes but no damage resulted. At 0845 hrs the C O and officers and pl leaders of Co A made recon for positions SE of the town and at 1100 hrs the company moved to those positions previously reconnoitered 1 mile SE of FOUGERES, BRITTANY. The pls. Bn CP moved to FOUGERES Coord 365788 cl 1740 hrs (Coord 3581)

Co B moved to an area  $3\frac{1}{4}$  mile N. of FOUGERES to the outskirts of the town moved the 1st, 2nd and 3rd pls taking up direct fire positions as follows: 1st pl on road to ST AUBIN, 2nd pl on road to VITRE, and 3rd pl on road to LAVAL moving into these positions at 1300 hours. The 2nd platoon picked up 6 German prisoners near their positions. No further contact was made with the enemy by the company on this day.

Co C's 2nd pl moved from Company area and its position at ST GEORGE, and took up a position at LANDEAN. The Hq Co of Co C took four prisoners in the vicinity of LANDEAN. The rear Ech of Hq and Hq Co left last position at 1430 hrs arriving at Coord 3886, 5 miles N of FOUGERES at 1630 hrs distance traveled 35 miles.

During the day 15 LE 109s flew over the areas of the various companies but did not strafe or bomb except near Co. A which was strafed on the march.

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4 Aug '44: Rcn. Co. remained in position of 3 Aug '44 and the only change in the position of Company A was the relieving of Company A's 3rd plat. to wash and rest. The other two plats of the Company remained in the positions of the previous day. Company B moved NE of FOUGERES with the platoons: All staying in the same area as previously stated except for the slight movement of two guns into better fire positions. Company C CP moved to 3683, 2 miles NE of FOUGERES, in the vicinity of LESIVINCE; 2nd Plat in the vicinity of LANDEAN; 3rd Platoon 1 mile NE of FOUGERES.

5 Aug '44: On the morning of 5 Aug '44, the Battalion on 79th Infantry Divisions order moved on towards the next objective, the vicinity of the town of LAVAL. A problem of transportation arose in the conveying of the 79th Infantry Div. Infantry and the Battalion was called upon to furnish 9 2 1/2 ton GMC trucks for the purpose for the journey to LAVAL or vicinity. Rcn. Co. moved out from the old bivouac area traveling SE on route Reconnaissance. Elements of the CO reached LAVAL. The 2nd Plat shot up about 70 Germans SW of LAVAL taking no prisoners. The 3rd plat was fired upon by small arms NW of LAVAL, but received no casualties. Company A left FOUGERES (position 1/2 mile E of FOUGERES) at 1500 hours, mission to protect rear of task force advancing on LAVAL. It arrived at position 1/2 mi S of LUITRE at about 1600 hours. Platoons pulled out about 1930 hours arriving at positions 1/2 mile NE St. Ouen des Toits, at 2300 hours, bivouacing there for the night, coord. 5955. Company B and all platoons moved from their positions around FOUGERES to an assembly area 1/2 mile N of PARCE at 1000 hours. 2nd plat moved from the assembly area to 500 yards SW of CHATILLON-DE-VENDELAIS, then later moved 100 yards N of St. MIHERVE into direct fire positions and spent the night there. 3rd Platoon moved E from the assembly area to the road leaving from FOUGERES to VITRE, then later moved to 2 miles W of St. MIHERVE. No contact was made with the enemy by the Company. Company C moved to within 5 miles N of LAVAL, all three platoons going into direct fire positions. The distance traveled by the Bn., on this trip from FOUGERES to vicinity of LAVAL, was approximately 35 miles. The Battalion CP located at LERDIXVILLE, coord 4761.

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6 Aug '44: Rear Echelon moved from last location by motor convoy at coord 5852 about 10 miles N of LAVAL, distance traveled 35 miles. The Bn. CP and Medical Detachment at this time was located at coord 6448 about 2 1/2 miles NW of LAVAL. Rcn. Co. located at coord 6053 1 1/4 miles SE of St. OUEN DES TOITS. Company A moved to a new position 2 1/2 miles E of St. OUEN DES TOITS at 1200 hours. At 2100 hours the company was notified that it would support the 314th Infantry Regiment in on 7th August in the drive of the great focal point of LE MANS. Company B CP and the 1st and 3rd platoons moved from their positions around St. MIHERVE to an assembly area 2 miles S of MIHERVE. 2nd Plat moved their position at MIHERVE to La CHEPEIGF DE CHENE and went into direct fire position on cross road leading to LAVAL and LOIRON. 1st plat moved from the assembly area to 500 yards E of LACRAVELLE. Company CP and 3rd plat moved from the assembly area to the new company assembly area and bivouaced there for the night. 1st plat moved from LA CRAVELLE to assembly area to spend the night also. The 2nd platt moved from its position at LA CHAPIEFF DE CHENE to the assembly area and later moved to LA HADRIE into direct fire positions, bivouaced there for the night. There was no contact with the enemy by Company B. The Headquarters platoon of Company C captured two Germans about 10 miles N of LAVAL. The three platoons, (destroyer) took up defensive positions in the vicinity of LAVAL.

7 Aug '44: On the 7th of August 1944 the Battalion was again requested to furnish ten 2 1/2 ton GMC trucks for the motorizing of the infantry of the 79th Infantry Division. In anticipation of a long move which they hoped would take them close to LE MANS, the various units assigned or attached to the Division were called upon to furnish as much transportation of this type as they could spare. The Bn. CP moved by motor convoy to BRULON, coord 1030 and was followed by the Battalion Rear Echelon which closed in BRULON, at 0200 hours, 8 August 1944 the distance traveled being 35 miles. Rcn. Co. had a mission of road and route reconnaissance working E to LOUE. The company moved from its old area E of LAVAL, to a bivouac area adjacent to the Bn. CP about 1 mile E of BRULON. Two prisoners were taken by the Headquarters platoon of Rcn. Co., were turned over to the local PW camp. Company A moved forward all day by bounds reaching a point about 2 1/2 miles E of BRULON, closing there at about 0300 hours, 8 Aug '44. Along the route one prisoner was taken and turned over to PW authorities. Company B had no contact with the enemy during the march. Company C closed in an area two miles W of LOUE at coord 1234, distance traveled 43 miles. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd platoons took up positions in LOUE with the 2nd platoon knocking out one 20 mm gun position 1/2 mile West of LOUE.

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8 Aug 44

The Bn Rr Ech on 8 Aug 44 was located at Brulon, Coord (1030). Four E.M. fro this Ech encountered a group of the enemy about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles NW of BRULON. They took 46 prisoners, disarming them and delivering them to the PW camp. Rcn Co moved E to 2 miles E of LE MANS, to Coord 3630 (LOCUE SHEET 1/50,000

The pls. worked as follows during the move: 3rd pl worked E to vic LE MANS, taking 163 prisoners, 12 horses, 4 wagons, a number of small arms and other items of equipment. All were turned over to proper authorities, The 3rd pl also engaged a German tank believed to be a Mk IV without results, It was also fired on by small arms. The 1st pl working on towards LE MANS captured 8 Germans wounding four of them with machine gun fire. Co A left its pos  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles E of BRULON at 1645 hrs advanced by bounds to a position 1000 yds N of PRUILLE, LE CHETIT, arriving there at 2400 hrs. Co B moved from their assembly area at LAVAL to AVESSE. 1st pl later moved to VALLON SUR GEE, then moved on to an area  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile W of LE MANS. 2nd pl and Company CP moved on the past the 1st pl near VALLON SUR GEE and later moved on to the company area. 3rd pl moved from AVESSE to LE MANS into direct fire pos. and while in position knocked out what was first identified as three mk IV tanks but which were later definitely identified as three 75mm SP guns mounted on Mk IV chassis. There was considerable small arms fire around their position. Later that day they moved out of town on the W side and spent the night there. Approximately 10 rds of SHELL HE and 7 rds of APC were fired at three SP 75mm guns which the 3rd pl knocked out. Co C's 2nd pl captured 26 prisoners, the 3rd pl shot 9 rds HE at enemy targets.

9 Aug 44

Bn CP left BRULON Coord (1030) and moved to 3 miles SW of LEMANS at Coord 3734. Rcn Co moved to vic of LEMANS, all pls working E out of LE MANS, covered to the SE E and NE to within 1 mile of ST CALAIS. The Co CP moved from LE MANS to BULOIRE. All pls returned to their assembly area, fortifying the town. In Co A's area at Coord 3234 1000 yds W of PRUILLE LE CHETIT, one man was shot by an enemy sniper. Co A took 43 prisoners. After the knocking out of the three SP 75mm guns, Co B returned to the company biv area at 1 mile W of LE MANS Coord. 3433. Co C moved to a point three miles SW of LE MANS coord 3535.

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10 Aug. 44

At 0740 hrs, 10 Aug. 44, The Bn Br. Ech. moved from the vicinity of BRULON and arrived at a point 6 miles NE of SAUVIGNY, Coord. 5173 distance traveled 48 miles. Thirteen prisoners were taken by the Bn CP Group 5 miles NE of SAUVIGNY. The Bn CP closed in this same area. Recon. Company moved N. to new location 1 mile N of BONNETABLE Coord 5480 with the 1st, 2nd, and the 3rd Platoons patrolling N and NE to S. of MAMERS and NOGENT LE ROTROU, encountering 3 enemy tanks and considerable small arms fire N, of BONNETABLE. 2nd and 3rd Platoons returned to biv area for the night. Co A moved from PRUILLE LE CRETIT at 0640 hrs. closing in MONTFORT LE ROTROU at 1200 hrs. Pls went into positions on roads leading into town from the N. Company B moved from the assembly area at LEMANS E. to SILLE DE PHILLIPS into a new assembly area. At 1000 hrs. the Bn. moved on NE to within  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of BONNETABLE in a new assembly area. 1st Pl moved into direct fire position covering roads to ALENCON and BELLEME. 3rd Pl moved into direct fire position also, covering roads to TUFFE and other small towns. Co CP and 2nd pl moved to w/in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile of BONNETABLE with one section of the 2nd pl moved on into town while these pls were in position but there was no contact with the enemy. Some enemy shells fell into the town. There were no casualties. At 2300 hrs the platoons drew back into the Co bivouac area. Co. C moved within 5 miles CSW of BONNETABLE with the first Platoon taking up defensive positions  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles SW of BONNETABLE. Company CP at Coord 5173.

11 Aug. 44

On 11 Aug. 44, the Bn. CP moved to a point 6 miles SW of MAMERS Coord. 4958, with the Br. Ech. in an area 6 miles NE of SAUVIGNY Coord. 5173. Recon. Co. moved to MAROLLES LES BRAULTS Coord (8 850), with the 1st pl working with Co A and the 2nd and 3rd pls. on reconnaissance to the N. and NW in the direction of ALENCON and during this reconnaissance the third pl captured 4 Germans and killed one and the pioneer pl killed another. Co A from pos at MONTFORT LE ROTROU at 1130 hrs moved by bounds to 1000 yds SE of AVESNES, arriving there at 2130 hrs. Just previous to this the Co received at 1830 hrs a report that there were enemy tanks in the vicinity of MON HOUROU. The Co was alerted and a recon was instituted by the The Co C.O. but no tanks were encountered. Co B remained in BONNETABLE and except for slight shifting of pls for purposes of relief there experienced no other activity. Co C moved to 500 yards NE of MARCE EN STAROSHOIS Coord. 5691 with the three pls taking defensive positions there. The first pl took one prisoner.

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12 Aug 44

Co. A attached to 313th Inf Regt at 1345 hrs, and at 1355 hrs the 2nd pl moved out from pos 1000 yds E of AVESNES and joined the advance guard of the 313th Inf. At 1400 hrs, the rest of the Co moved. At 1500 hrs, in MENCE EN SANC the column was attacked by enemy planes Co A scored a hit on what was either an Me 109 or a FW 190, setting the plane on fire. The company arrived in the town of LA MELE SUR SARTHE at 1800 hrs, with the pls going into pos N and NE of the town: 1st pl at Coord 5719, 2nd pl at 5519, 3rd pl at 5719, with the company CP located at Coord. 5616 about 1000 yds SE of LA MELE SUR SARTHE. At 2000 hrs a British paratroop officer (LT ANDERSON) was picked by the C O of Company A and directed to the G-2 of the 79th Inf Div where he gave very much valuable information on activity behind the lines. Co B moved from vic of BONNETABLE TO one mile S of MAMERS Ren of the area for gun positions. was made and positions for covering roads to the NE and W were decided upon but never used because of a change in plans. At 2230 hrs, the Co moved to BLEVE to an assembly area spending the night at Coord 5511. No contact was made with the enemy but some enemy planes did fly over the area doing little or no damage. Co C also moved to vic of LA MELE SUR SARTHE Coord 5518 taking up defensive position there. Ren Co moved to a point not far from Co B Coord 5419 with the 1st pl working with Co A the 2nd pl in biv for a much needed rest, and the 3rd pl on reconn SE of ALENCON. The pioneer pl established a rd block SE of ALENCON. The Bn Rear Ech moved from its last loc 6 miles NE of SAVIGNE at 1630 hrs arriving vic of MAMERS Coord 5599 at 1945 hrs, distance traveled 22 miles. The Bn CP moved to a point 1 mile SW LA MELE SUR SARTHE at Coord 5518.

13 Aug 44

Ren Co moved to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N of LA MELE SUR SARTHE AND spent the day in care and maintenance of vehicles and equipment. The Rear Ech moved to the vic of the Bn CP at Coord 5518 approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles SW of LA MELE SUR SARTHE, distance traveled about 14 miles. Co A detached from the 313th Inf Regt reverting to Bn Control as of 0900 hrs. and assigned mission of protecting three major roads running NE to E \*\*\* of \*\*\* LA MELE SUR SARTHE. Co B CP 3rd pl and one section of the 2nd pl remained in the same area. At 0700 hrs one section of the 2nd pl moved into direct fire positions SE of BLEVE. The 1st pl moved at 1900 hrs NE to the road to LA MELE SUR SARTHE into an assembly area. The 2nd pl with the aid of the French, took 34 prisoners. There was no change in the positions of Co C.

14 Aug. '44: The day of August 14th was one filled with activity and fast action for this battalion, particularly in the case of Company C of this unit. Following is an account of what took place on that day as seen through the eyes of the Company Commander of Company C. :

At 0930 hours on 14 August 1944, First Platoon leader, 1st Lt. Milo Kovac, O1168759, received the following message, "Two enemy tanks believed to be Mk IVs at 520183 moving North East. "

First platoon, second section, under Staff Sergeant Amos A. Cribb, was located in a firing position at coord 553198, (sheet 8 G/3 Mortague) east of St. Aubin d'Appenai on the slope of a hill overlooking the cross-roads 558208, approximately 1000 yards north of the gun position. Company "E" 314th Infantry Regiment was on this line.

At 0915 hours, radio operator, Private Harold Hatfield of Sergeant Van Keuren's destroyer, reported that what appeared to be natural camouflaged armored vehicles had passed the cross-roads heading east and that they did not look like American vehicles. He called Company NCS for verification and was told to take the vehicles under fire. The only reply was the report of two 3" guns. Several direct hits were observed by gun commanders, Sergeant VanKeuren and Sergeant Wheeler and Staff Sergeant Leply, Pvt. 1cl Warren, Pvt. 1cl. Winters, Pvt. 1cl. Lanzi of Company "E" 314th Infantry Regiment.

The enemy column stopped. Two of the enemy personnel, one with a white flag were seen walking cautiously down the rear slope of a hill. There was no firing at this time. However, on the left flank, 1500 yards west, a PZKW IV and an armored car were observed moving east (later it was found that it had assumed a firing position facing the second section)

In the meantime, Lt. Kovac brought up one destroyer of the first section (the other was immobile because of a faulty battery) and placed it on the left flank. (The PZKW IV and armored car were observed at this time).

Sergeant Robert F. Jackson's destroyer went into action and Corporal Monroe H. Cox's first round hit the turret of the tank and immobilized it. Several other rounds burst in the immediate area and another direct hit was observed on the armored car. Lieutenant Kovac, Captain Hudson, 813th T. D. Battalion, Lt. C. M. Williams, CO Co. E, 314th Inf. Regt., Corporal H. Jahe, Hq. 2nd Bn. 314th Inf. Regt., and other witnessed this action. Both ends of the road were blocked. Enemy personnel evacuated their vehicles. Several seconds later, Thunderbolts bombed and strafed the remainder of the column, completing its destruction.

Further, Lt. Kovac states and his statement is substantiated by that of Lt. Williams that several 3" HE shells which burst in a tree near the vic. of the armored car and killed twelve of the enemy. Before the aerial activity began after which friendly artillery began a searching fire.

The entire enemy column could not be seen from the gun positions. Originally heading east, the column turned around in the road during the pause, and had started up the north road, 541208, when Sergeant Jackson's destroyer halted the tank and armored car.

Credit for four armored cars and one PZKW IV was given the platoon since these were observed as receiving direct hits. Other may have been destroyed.



14 Aug. "44            On ex        ation, the enemy column consi        of one (1) PZKW LV  
(cont'd)    fourteen (14) armored cars and halftracks, one (1) self-propelled 47mm  
              mounted on a half-track, one (1) motorcycle.

While Company C was busily engaged the rest of the Battalion operated as follows: Co A was alerted at 0800 hrs having received notice of tank attack coming from NW. Leader of the 2nd Pl. went on recon for pos at LALEU Coord 5820 with the idea of forming a trap. At 0930 hrs, a pl was moved from position one mile NE of LA MELE SUR SARTHE & rallied in the town square by Bn. order. At 1000 hrs, it was ordered to move from position one mile NE of LA MELE SUR SARTHE & rallied in the town square By Bn. order. At 1000 yards SE of LALEU near the village of FONTAINE in orders to form trap as planned. The platoon arrived at 1200 hours but the enemy tanks had passed through LALEU already proceeding N. However the platoon captured 38 of the enemy who had abandoned their vehicles due to strafing by our planes. During this engagement, two EM (ARCHAMBAULT & MARTIN) displayed unusual presence of mind and bravery by persuading these enemy soldiers to surrender after they themselves had been taken prisoners by these same PWs. Both men have since been awarded the BRONZE STAR, for their courage. At 1300 hours the platoon received orders to go through LALEU with Co K of the 333th Inf. Regt. and demobilize the abandoned enemy tanks. One officer, (Lt. Gibbs) took one section and went W out of LALEU for about 1500 yards. S/Sgt. Balawich took another section and went N of LALEU for about 500 yards stopped the M-10s, and went forward with a corporal (MARTIN) in a jeep for about 500 more yards dismounted, and went on foot to look for gun positions. They went about 1/4 mile, selected psotions and then began to return when they were surrounded by one German officer and nine EM. The two (BALAWICH & MARTIN) did not surrender but retained their arms and tried to talk the Germans into surrendering to them. The Germans refused to give up their arms but after Balawich had told them that they were surrounded and that most of their officers had been captured, they finally agreed to take him back to his own lines. They started back but the germans were captured by our Infantry as they neared our lines. When this was completed, one section stayed in a defensive position in LALEU, the other section under Lt. Gibbs with a section from the 3rd platoon of Rcn. went in search of German armored vehicles along the following route: LALEU TO MONTCHOURED Coord 5523 then to Le CHALAINCE Coord 5426 then along the road SW Coord 4821 and E along road back to LA MELE SUR SARTHE where the platoon went back into defensive psotions as of the night before. Prisoners taken by the company platoon during the day were thirty-eight--including one major, one captain, three lieutenants Lt. Gibbs was commended upon the excellent work he did during the day. At 0900 hours the 1st platoon moved to a psotion 1 mile N of the town but found a platoon of Company C in position, there rendering its presence unnecessary. At 1400 hours Company A was attached to the 121st Cavalry with mission of moving to MONTAGNE to cope with a reported tank attack in vicinity of MOULINS LA MARCHE.

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At 1600 hrs., 1st pl went into defensive pos at 6719, and the 3rd pl into Coord. 6618. At 1900 hrs the Co. was relieved from the 121st Cav and the 1st pl moved back E of LA MELE and the 3rd pl moved back to the Cp at Coord 5616 1000 yds SE La MELE.

Co B moved from BLEVE into defensive positions in LA MELE. Co C's action has been fully covered but the part played by Rcn Co who had elements working with Co C is not fully set out in that report. Rcn Co was alerted for action at 0800 hrs with all reconn pls moving out to establish contact with a German armored column moving from W to E about 100 yds N of the Bn. biv area. The 2nd pl moved N into the woods and gained contact but had to withdraw when our air force bombed and strafed the woods and the German column. When the air activity had ceased, the 2nd pl moved N capturing 18 pws and (in conjunction with Co C took following abandoned equipment of the enemy:

3 Ammo trucks  
fuel dump  
1 staff car  
4 armored cars ( $\frac{1}{2}$  tracks)  
1 Mark V tank

Rcn Co's 1st pl moved Nw to ALENCON capturing two 20mm anti-air craft guns, four (4) prisoners and one armored car (half track)

Bn S-2 (Capt. PARKIN ) with crew , picked up 20 prisoners and turned them over to the FW auth. The following is an account of the incident by Captain PARKIN:

15 Aug. '44

After the action of the 14th of August, the Bn moved to within 6 miles of NOGENT\* LE- ROI SW of the town, leaving the old area 1 mile SW of LA MELE SUR SARTHE at 1330 hrs, and closing in NOGENT at 2400 hrs. distance traveled 68 miles. Rcn Co set up in ORMOV, 3 miles SE of the town of NOGENT, Co A closed at a point 9 miles S of DREUX at Coord 3520. Co B moved to within 4 miles N of CHARTRES with the 2nd and 3rd pls ging into position near the Company CP. Enemy planes strafed the road near the company but their were no casualties. Co B General vicinity of Coord 3616. Distance traveled 66 miles. Co C moved to NOGENT LE ROI to Coord 4124 with the pls taking up defensive positions there. Distance traveled, about 70 miles.

Route of March:

St Quentin De Blavou, La Boyse Grawelle,  
St Jouin De Blavou, La Pin La Carenne, Mauves, Remelard,  
Moutiers Au Perche, Madeline, Signy, Verigny, Challer, Neron,  
NOGENT LE ROI.

16 Aug. 44

At 1700 hrs on the 16 Aug 44, the Bn C. O. called a meeting of the Company Commanders to brief all concerned on 813th T. D. Bn. F. O. No #7 See FO No. 7 for full details. At 1840 hrs, the Bn CP moved out through OIRMOY, NOGENT LE ROI, COULOMBS, To CHANDELLES at Coord 452232. closing at 1925 hrs. Distance traveled 8 miles. Co A moved from pos 9 miles S of DREUX at 1820 hrs, with mission of protecting bridgehead in 315th Inf Regt sector E of the EURE River. The company arrived at Coord 4622 just Se of CHANDELLES at 1930 hrs. Pls went into pos,-- 1st Pl Coord 4721, 2nd pl 4621, 3rd pl 4822 along the front of the 315th Inf. Company expended about 300 rds of .50 cal ammo. firing at enemy aircraft over our positions. Rcn Co moved 1 mile SE of NOGENT LE ROI near VILLERS. Co B moved to La PLACE (6 miles ) and while in biv were strafed by enemy planes. No casualties. Two prisoners (Russians) were taken near the Company area and turned over to the PW enclosure. Company at Coord 4920. Co, C. moved to Coord 4424, NOGENT LE ROI, with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd pls in pos NW of the town.

NOTE: It is interesting to observe that enemy air activity during these days had shown a marked increase and in subsequent days, several ME 109s and FW 190s were shot down in the 79th Inf Div sector with the 813th TD Bn accounting for three. Further details of the action to be found in subsequent pages of this report.

17 Aug '44

The Bn Br Ech moved from 6 miles SW of NOGENT LE ROI (3520) to 2 miles S of COULOMBS. Traveling 7 miles. There was no change in the positions of the remainder of the Bn.

18 Aug. '44: Company A-- At about 1030 hours 1 enemy plane (Me 109) was shot down by Company A in their sector SE of CHANDELLES coord 4622. The pilot was picked up by the 315th Infantry Regt and was evidently an ace as he had 33 kills marked on his plane: 11 British and 22 American. Another Me 109 was shot down by the company but did not fall in the immediate vicinity. Later that day the company was assigned the mission with the 314th Inf. CP as protection against tanks. Company commander with the 1st plat left the position SE of CHANDELLES at 1230 hours and arrived at position 1 3/4 miles SW of FAVRIEUX at 2130 hours coord 5255. Remainder of Co. left at 1745 hours arrived 500 yards S of FAVRIEUX, 5456 at 0100 hrs., distance traveled about 27 miles. The rest of the Bn. moved. Rcn. Cos., 2nd and 3rd plats were working with the firing companies with the Pioneer and 1st plats moving across country in a NE direction reaching FAVRIEUX about seven miles from MANTES, which is the first large town across the SEINE River which river the Bn crossed two days later, the first armored unit to cross the SEINE River. The company, less the 2nd plat went into bivouac at coord 5652.

Company B-- The Company moved from LA PLACE with the 106th Cavalry. There was a temporary stop at coord 5539 and the 2nd plat went into position at this point picking up seven German prisoners soon after. 1st & 3rd plats. plus the Company CP continued on N with the Cavalry for about 8 miles receiving enemy artillery fire. They moved off the road into an assembly area where the 1st plat went into firing position and expending 38 rounds of HE, 3 rounds APC and 2 rounds of AP at targets to the front. The Company then moved to just N of FAVRIEUX at coord 5456. Company C moved 2 miles to coord Y5155 taking up position in LA TETRE ST DENIS. The Bn CP moved to LA TETRE ST DENIS coord 5155. The Bn. Rear echelon moved 27 miles from its position 2 miles S of COULOMBS to LONGNES coord 5254, closing at 0200 hours coord 4522.

19 Aug. '44: Company Bs' 1st and 2nd platoons moved from the assembly area near FAVRIEUX with one unit of the 106th Cavalry on recon through SEPTUIL, ORGERUS, BEHOUST, GARANCIERES, and QUEVE LEE YVELIN; 1st plat staying in direct fire position in the last named town and at this point having no contact with the enemy. 2nd Platoon left the 1st platoon at this point and went on N to the next town into firing position. They fired four rounds of HE and four of APC at an enemy tank but were unable to ascertain full damage to the tank. The 3rd platoon left the assembly area with one unit of the 106th Cavalry and one section of Recon. Co. to MAULE into firing positions. The Rcn. section had a short skirmish with enemy foot troops but there was no further contact with the enemy and later the Co. CP moved to ARNOUVILLE coord 6251. 1st section of Rcn. each, platoon on listening post duty with each destroyer company. One Section of the 1st platoon with Company A captured 6 German PWs' and one section with Company B shot-up a German. The other section with Co. C had no contact with the enemy.

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While Co A was on reconn, they picked up one German cargo truck, which after proper declaration was used as an auxiliary supply truck. Co C at LA TETRE ST. DENIS, Coord: 5155, reported no change.

During this period the Bn received reports to the effect that thousands of Germans were trying to swim the SEINE RIVER in an attempt to escape the fast traveling armored columns approaching the River. The 813th TD Bn at this time was preparing to cross the River, waiting for the bridge to be completed by the engineers (pontoon bridge), near MANTES-GASICOURT.

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It has been previously mentioned that the Bn Rr Ech had moved to LONGNES. Before entering the town the convoy stopped for a short rest halt and the 1st Sgt of Hq. Co. (KINNEY) dismounted from the lead vehicle to investigate a camouflaged truck parked beside the road there. Upon nearing the truck, he was fired upon by what proved to be two German soldiers who were sitting in the cab of the truck, wounding him in the leg (left). Fire was returned but the two Germans escaped on foot, leaving the vehicle. The vehicle, upon investigation, was found to contain a load of gasoline and diesel fuel. The lesson to be gained from such an incident is obvious and throughout the Battalion's long treks across France all personnel were watchful and wary of any vehicles parked along the road, because with the swiftness of the Allied advance, very frequently small but well armed pockets or groups of the enemy were frequently to be encountered along the route of march and sometimes they were unaware of the presence of our troops in the vicinity.

The 20th of August 1944 was a most important day in the history of the Bn as it became at 1630 to 1645 hrs the first armored unit to cross the SEINE RIVER. Details follow:

The Bn less Co A and the Bn Rr Ech left their respective areas or positions at about 1200 hrs preparing to cross the River at 1600 hrs. Between 1600 hrs and 1630 hrs the Engineer's bridge across the SEINE was completed and at approximately 1645 hrs, the Bn C.O. Col JEFFRIES and the Bn S-3 and crew in an M-20 followed by the Bn CP group, Rcn Co, Co B, Co C, the 813th TD Bn (SP) having full priority on crossing this bridge. Co A and the Bn Rear Ech plus the remainder of Rcn Co crossed the SEINE the following day. Previous to the crossing the Pioneer Pltn. of Rcn. Co. had set up a radio position near the bridge which was then in the process of construction. The Co set up in ST. MARTIN LA GARENNE at Coord: 6658. Co B assembled near ARNOUVILLE and moved to the Bn assembly area near BELLI COTE and moved under Bn control across the SEINE RIVER at Giernes NE to another assembly area, followed by the Co. CP. Later the Co. CP moved to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile E of FOOLAINVILLE, 3rd Pltn. moving with the CP. The 1st and 2nd Pltns. moved 1 mile E. of the Co. CP into an assembly area. The Company was in the general vicinity of Coord: 6064.

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Co C-- After the crossing of the Seine Co C moved to vicinity of VENTHEUIL Coord (6069) taking up positions in that vicinity.

As has been stated, Co A did not cross on 20 Aug '44 but was ordered to move from its pos 500 yds S of FAVRIEUX at 0745 hours arriving in MAGNANVILLE at coord 5759 at about 0815 hours. The 1st plat went into position at coord 6058; the 2nd platoon at coord 5760; the 3rd platoon at 5963. Later, at 2100 hours, the 1st platoon moved to coord 5167 and the 2nd platoon to coord 5462 and the 3rd platoon joined the Co. CP/.

The Bn., CP was then located at Coord 5966 in the town of ST. MARTIN LA GARENNE.

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The Bn. rear echelon crossed the SEINE RIVER and moved about 13 miles to a position 1/2 mile S of SANDRICOURT coord 5565 closing at 0710 hours. There was no change in the position of Rcn. Co. who did minor reconn in a limited area and remainder of Co. did maintenance on vehicles. Company Cs' 1st platoon fired four rounds of HE on enemy troops 4 miles NE of VETHEUIL but had no further contact with the enemy. Co. B CP remained in FOLLANVILLE with the 1st platoon going into position about 1000 yards of the town; the 2nd platoon into firing position near the road between LIMAY and ST PERE; and the 3rd platoon moving N of ST PERE into firing position on the road to SAILLY, DROCOURT, and VETHEUIL. There was no contact with the enemy.

Company A at 1030 hours moved its CP to coord 5862 with the 3rd platoon remaining in MAGNANVILLE. At 1700 hours, the 3rd platoon moved two M-10s to VERT to cover reported enemy advance. At 1830 hours the Company assembled and moved across the SEINE RIVER AT RESNV SUR SEINE. with the CP moving into LIMAY at coord 6162 and the 1st and 3rd platoons are also in position there. The 2nd platoon went into position 1 mile W of ISSOH. There was considerable enemy air activity during the period. The Bn. CP moved to town of VETHEUIL into a building formerly occupied by the Germans. The location at coord 596696 bordered the SEINE RIVER.

22 Aug 44: Rcn Co was located in ST MARTIN LA GARENNE and its 3rd pl establ an OP in vic of LA ROCHE GUYOR. At 1700 hrs, they engaged four trucks loaded with German Infantry using on them 37mm, MGs and rifles. One Rcn EM was wounded, hospitalized and returned to duty all on the same day. The enemy returned fire with MGs and small arms such as burp guns and rifles. Rcn's pioneer pl located two enemy barges, one loaded with food and the other with supplies. All supplies were turned over to the French and the barges were destroyed by order of the commanding officer of the 313th Inf Regt. The 1st and 2nd Pls were manning OPs for Cos A and B. Enemy planes were very active over Co A's sector (Limay 6162) and machine gunners in the company fired about 500 rds of cal. 30 and .50 at the planes who flew over their sector Co B's pls were all in firing pos along the road running from LIMAY to ST PERE. Co C rptd no change.

23 Aug 44: At 2330 hrs on the 22nd of Aug 44 the COMDR of the 314th Inf Regt advised that the Bn CP be moved from VETHEUIL as the enemy was about to stage a counter attack on VETHEUIL and upon the suggestion of the 314th Inf the Bn left VETHEUIL and moved to a temporary location on hill 127 vic ST MARTIN later moving to FOLLAINVILLE at Coord 6064. The attack did take place details of which will follow.

Co A in pos. along front of 315th Inf Regt. 2nd Bn. The 2nd pl went into pos 2 miles E of LIMAY Coord 6461 (Map LIMAY 1/25000), with the 3rd pl 2 miles SE of LIMAY at Coord (6159), and the 1st pl in res at the Co CP. The 1st pl was alerted and warned of counter attack and at 0900 hrs, the 2nd pl from its pos observed enemy approaching from N of GUITANCOU. At 0930 hrs, the 2nd pl received small arms fire from the front and from the woods in their rear and shortly after the pltn sgt rptd their pos becoming untenable. The pl opened fire on enemy inf. At 1000 hrs also firing on enemy tanks and observing hits but did not disable the tanks. The fire on the enemy inf. however, was effective. At this time one Sgt VARIERIN was wounded by shell fire from an enemy tank and another Sgt LAMOUREUX went to move a wounded infantry man who was in the path of the fire near his M-10s and was himself wounded in the head. Both Sgts were destroyer comdrs. Company Hq rec'd the rpt that two M-10s had been knocked out but that rpt was erroneous and the correct version was that the M-10 comdrs had been injured or disabled. At about this time the 2nd pl was receiving heavy enemy tank and small arms fire from the front and rear and the enemy on the high ground to the rear called upon the two most forward guns to surrender an order which was answered by increased fire from the 2nd pl. NOTE: At 0900 hrs the 1st pl had been moved to a pos 1000 yds E of LIMAY along the highway to resist an enemy attack from the high ground to the N Coord 6261.

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Co A continued: From this pos at 1000 hrs the 1st pl opened with HE direct fire on enemy troops deploying S towards pl firing 35 rds at a range of 500 to 700 yds and observed effect at which time they were ordered to cease fire by the C.O. of the 315th. Inf who stated that the pl was firing on friendly troops. The order was obeyed but the accuracy of it was doubted by the pl and later investigation proved that the troops upon whom they had been firing were definitely enemy as the woods were full of Infantry dead from 20 to 30 with evidences that several more had been wounded and evacuated hastily. Again the pl commander of the 1st pl (GIBBS now 1st Lt.) was commended for his alertness and thorough command of the situation during the action and preventing the threatened break through into the town of LIMAY.

During the 1st pl's fire enemy inf were observed moving into the rear of Co A's 2nd pl positions. At about that time the report was received by runner that two of 2nd pls M-10's had been knocked out and that the pl was receiving small arms fire from three sides. C.O. of Co A ordered pl to withdraw with what it had left and take alternate pos along the road. As the pl pulled out two M-10's were hit killing one Sgt and one Pvt and wounding several other members of the crew. Situation became stabilized and about 1700 hours the 1st pl was ordered to assume and occupy the position which the 2nd pl had during the fight. The two remaining M-10's of the 2nd pl took up pos along the highway at (6460) to resist a reported threat from the E and then at 1800 hrs the pl was called back to reorganize and reequip. At 1900 hrs, the In Off, (Lt SPERRY) with one sec of Rcn Co observed an inf with 3 en tks moving W in area Coord 7056 and called for M-10's of 3rd pl which came up taking pos at Coord 7056 and firing 60rds HE direct range of 8000 yds. Enemy returned fire reinforced by other guns and to escape a bracketing pos into which the enemy was quickly placing our M-10's to their pos at (6359). Because of the extreme range, the extent of damage to the enemy from our fire could not be determined. Rcn Co remained on the OP in vicinity of LE ROCHE GUYER, capturing three Germans. They were heavily shelled by enemy artillery during the day and the 2nd sec aided in the tank fight near GUITRAN COURT. The 1st pl remained on OP at EPONE. This pl also received heavy shelling. The 3rd pl remained in biv for much needed rest.

Co B CP remained in the same area ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles E of FOLLAINVILLE Coord 6164). 1st pl in the area also, and saw enemy tanks and foot-troops in front of their positions, but they were out of range of fire. 2nd pl was in pos in general vicinity of 1 mile E of LIMAY. One M-10 was knocked out by the enemy and burned completely. Two men were killed, one Sgt and one Pvt and several others wounded. The pl fired 100 rds of HE, 20rds of AP, at enemy tanks and foot troops, knocking out one MK VI tank, killing and wounding about one platoon of enemy infantry. Two more tanks were fired upon and believed hit but could not assert just how great damage was caused these vehicles. The 3rd pl was in general vicinity of same area and they fired 37 rds HE, 12 rds AP, 1000 rds of Cal .50 and 1000 rds cal .30 ammo at more Infantry and tanks. A great many more Germans were killed and wounded and it is believed that on that day that the combined operations of these pls of Co B killed and wounded close to a full company of German Infantry.

Co C's 3rd pl moved into the vicinity of ST LA GARENNE, but other than this change the company remained pretty much in a static pos.

Bn CP was then at FOLLAINVILLE at Coord 6064



24 Aug '44: Rcn. Co. had sections from the 1st and 2nd plats on OP duty and the Pioneer Platoon working with the 106th Cav. remained on their OP all day. The rest of the company in bivouac, but two Rcn. EM went on patrol w/ the 313th Inf. into the town of VETHEUIL from which place the Bn. CP had been suggested to move (by the Comdr. Officer of the Inf. Regt.). The enemy was engaged in VETHEUIL and a German automatic weapon soldier was killed by a Rcn man (Pfc Shadding). When the action had finished the Germans left the town.

There was little activity in Co A's sector and but little in Co B's sector. The 1st & 2nd Plats of Co B remaining in the same area as previous day. The 3rd plat moved one gun from its position W of ST PERE into town on the East side. All plats could observe enemy troops in front of their position but there was no firing done. All gun positions were then being dug in by a bulldozer.

Co. C moved from VETHEUIL, coord 6069 to 0 mile E of ST MARTIN LA GARENNE, coord 5965.

25 Aug '44: Rcn. Co. had one section with each destroyer platoon and the Pioneer plat was working with the 106th Cav. Co A picked up two suspects through to be German soldiers in civilian clothes near their positions at coord 6359. They were turned over to the 79th Inf. Div Hq., for complete interrogation. A check was made of the area where the 2nd plat had its fight on 23 Aug '44. 16 dead Germans were found near one small ridge which one Cpl. Burwell had shot out. Witnesses confirmed gunner reports of hits on enemy tanks, one observer saying that he saw Germans towing one large German tank away from the area. Check of the area in which the 3rd plat of Co. A fired on 23 Aug 44 revealed 6 dead Germans and evidence of scores of others wounded. There was no change in the position of Co. B. The Bn. CP remained in the area at FOLLAINVILLE coord 6064. There was intermittent shellin of the areas of the Bn. CP and Co. B but no casualties resulted.

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Lt. Hoyle, the S-X, the S-3, Colonel Speiss, were oriented on the Corps contemplated plan to expend the bridgehead. Colonel Speiss was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to relieve Company A, 813th TD Bn., by Company B of the 773rd TD Bn., tonight. To move at 0800 tomorrow morning Company A, 773rd TD Bn to the present position of Company B, 773rd TD Bn and was informed that at the earliest opportunity the balance of his battalion would be moved across the river. By this operation OO 813th TD Bn, can move Company A, 813th to an assembly area in the future 79th Division area where it can promptly reinforce his Company B or C. Company A, 773rd TD Bn, will be in a position where it can promptly reinforce Company B, 773rd TD Bn or Company B, 813th TD Bn. Company A and B of the 773rd will remain under complete control of the 79th Division until the 30th Division arrives in sufficient forces that these two companies can be used.

Proposed Operation to Expend Bridgehead and Instructions pertaining to TD's.

Sunday, the 27th, the 79th Division will make a limited objective attack to seize high ground in the vicinity of 6469. Tonight or tomorrow the 30th Division should arrive and should relieve the 79th Division of the South east, one third of their sector, with the 30th Division making preparations for the main attack on Monday around 0800.

Today the 5th Armored Division will push reconnaissance along the Seine with the view of cleaning out German resistance immediately south of the Seine to a short distance beyond MEULAN 7462. Tomorrow, Sunday 27th, it is expected the 5th Armored Division will establish a bridgehead at MEULAN, and the Corps Engineers on the night of the 27-28 will construct a bridge at MEULAN. On Monday in the main attack, one Combat command, probably CCB will cross on this bridge pass through the bridgehead to the north and operate in the open country directly north of MEULAN and turn to the North west in the vicinity of AVERMES 725705 with the primary purpose of creating havoc in the rear of the troops in the corps objective. As soon as the Corps objective is taken, if we have not received orders to march to the north, Northeast, or East, this Combat Command will return to the march to the North, to the vicinity of MEULAN. The objective in the main attack on Monday the 28th is the seizure of the highground extending from 6073, 6672, 7069, with the 79th Division on the left and the 30th Division on the right.

This is the plan subject to approval of the Army Commander.

Recommendations of the Group Commander to move Company B of the 773rd TD Bn into the line to relieve Company A of the 813th TD Bn and to move Company A into the present position of Company B 773rd TD Bn, was approved with the reluctant concurrence of the G-3, 79th Division.

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Co A: From the period of 25 Aug to 2200 hrs 26 Aug 44:  
The enemy attempted counter attacks during period. The first attack started at 1630 hrs directed against the 314th Inf. The Enemy used 15 tanks and SP guns supported by 200 Inf. The attack was broken up by the combined efforts of the 813th T. D. BN, artillery fire and the work of the 314th Inf. 7 tanks (enemy) were destroyed including MKLv., V, and VI types. The part played by Co B is as follows: When the enemy attacks with Infantry and tanks their attack was preceded by heavy artillery fire. The 3rd pl of Co B engaged three enemy tanks knocking out all three later identified as one each Mk IV, V, VI. During the engagement, the pl had one destroyer disabled. And had two cases of Combat Exhaustion. The 2nd. pl of Co B knocked out one and possibly two other enemy tanks and also annihilated at least one company of enemy Infantry with shell HE. The company CP was heavily shelled and the company had four casualties among them being the company commander (CAPT LARRIMORE ). The attack was repulsed and Co B had a major role in repelling the attack. The company fired approximately 250 rds of HE, 50 rds of APC, and 2500 rds of small arms ammo. The company CP moved to Coord 60 64 (FOLLAINVILLE), with the company executive in command of the company. The platoons stayed in their positions for that night.

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Co C's 2nd and 3rd pls moved and took up defensive positions 2 1/2 miles SE ST MARTIN LE GARENNE. 1st pl fired 1500 rds of Cal .50 ammo on enemy mortar and MG positions while its security section fired and additional 1000 rds of Cal .30 ammo on German Inf advancing toward their pos. repelling the attack with the aid of the 313th Inf. Co B's pls remainig in their former positions fired an additional 20 rds of HE but otherwise had no further contact.

Co A at 1515 hrs left its pos around LIMAY and assembled at 2000 hrs SE of FOLLAINVILLE (6162). At 1600 hrs 3rd pl left for pos at LES HUES Coord (6363) to take anti-tank position. 1st and 2nd pls went forward to make recon of pos at 6565 Coord. At 1815 hrs the 1st and 2nd pls moved forward to pos at 6364. At 2100 hrs platoons took up pos slightly in front of Co Cp spending the night there. Remainder of the company spent the night in SE FOLLAINVILLE receiving en artillery fire which wounded two EM. One German soldier was taken prisoner and sent to PW cage for interrogation and imprisonment.

Recn Co remained in old location until 1430 hrs and biv area was shelled by the enemy artillery during the night. Shell fire knocked out one vehicle and wounded two EM. One section from each pl still was working with each destroyer company doing OP duty. Pioneer pl still manned OP at the old area. The company CP Group left and kept liason with 106th Cav.

27 Aug '44: Executive Group established liaison with the 315th Infantry for the Battalion. Company assembly area was located at Coord 6064.

28 Aug '44 : The Bn CP moved to ST PERE FONTENAY, coord 6364 with Rcn Co. All Rcn plats manned OPs for destroyer companies and moving forward with the 79th Division, and also maintaining liaison with the 314th Inf.

Co. A: At 0700 hours Co A plats moved forward to take position: 1st Plat at coord 6566; 2nd plat at coord 6565; 3rd plat at coord 6664. The terrain was very difficult for the M-10s to make much headway because the marshiness and heavily forested areas. At 0945 hours Co As 1st plat knocked out a Mk V tank at a range of 800 yards. The plat later in the day were under heavy shell fire and one EM was wounded. One German was taken prisoner. At 1930 hours the 1st plat moved to coord 6666; 2nd plat to coord 6767; 3rd plat to coord 6766. At 2000 hours Co A moved its CP near LES RUES TO SAILLY, coord 6466.

Co. B: moved to ST PERE FONTENAY coord 6364 with the 3rd plat going into anti-tank position and covered the advance of the 314th Inf towards their objective of DROCOURT.

Co. C: moved to ST PERE leaving the 1st plat in a reserve position 2 1/2 miles SE of ST MARTIN LA GARENNE.

29 Aug '44: The Bn CP and Med. Bn Aid station moved to AINCOURT, coord 6569. Moving with the 79th Inf. Div. Rcn. Co. maintained a screen of OPs in the division sector for our own Bn. One German officer was captured by the 3rd Plat. Co A's plats began moving out at 0700 hours. One EM injured in an M-10. The 1st plat went into position at coord 6869; 2nd plat at 6810; 3rd plat at 6770. At 1300 hours, a German rocket Gun began shelling plat position and Lt. Gibbs spotted there position and called for artillery and adjusted artillery effective fire on that gun position. At 1200 hours the Co. A. CP moved to LAINSVILLE, 6868. One German soldier was taken prisoner near SAILLY.

Co B was in Bn Reserve during the attack of the XIX Corps. The plats provided Anti-tank defense in the Div sector supporting the 315th Inf. Regt. Contact was made with the enemy and one prisoner was taken by the Company. Co. C moved to vicinity of AINCOURT, with the 1st 2nd and 3rd plats going into position 4 miles NW of the town.

30 Aug. '44: The Bn CP group moved to HANDAINVILLE at coord 0697. The Bn rear Ech moved 3 miles to 1 1/2 miles W of HARAVILLIERS, closing at 2200 hours and later in the bivouac area taken 9 prisoners. Co departed from AINCOURT less the 3rd plat moving NE with other elements of the Bn and the 79th Inf. Div. Some Rcn. elements helped to form a Recon screen in front of the Div. 2nd plat engaged the enemy at 1500 hours capturing 5 Germans wounding two and killing one. Co set up CP at HARAVILLIERS, and the 1st and 3rd plats went on route recon with the leading elements.

Co. A: Co's A, 3rd plat moved out at 0630 hours and joined the 313th CT ARTIERS, marched with them to LE RUEL. At 1830 hours 1 M-10 fired 12 rds HE at a suspected enemy bivouac area. The plat moved into the town of LE RUEL; where the M-10 plat fired 3 rds HE at three German autos, ammo truck, and ammo dump, disabling the vehicles and setting on fire the ammo dump and killing several German soldiers. The plat left the 313th Inf. at LE RUEL, at 1900 hours reverting and returning to company control: taking up a position at coord 8580. The rest of the company left LAINSVILLE, at 0800 hours marching to ENFER, where they picked up Co. A 1st Bn 315th Inf. for protection against enemy infantry and joined CT of 315th Inf. arriving at BERVILLE. The 1st and 2nd plats moved into position at coord 8780 and fired 38 rds of ammo, 35 rounds HE and 3 rds of APC at enemy column at a range of 3800 yards with the extent of damage unknown. CP moved to BERVILLE, at 1900 hours at coord 8881 (SEINE ET OISE)

Co. B 1/4 miles E of HARGVILLIERS at coord 8680.

Co. C moved 18 miles to NEUVILLE-BAC, coord 8382.

31 Aug. '44: The Bn CP remained at its position of 30 Aug 1944, but the Bn Rear Ech moved 19 miles to 1/2 mile SECAIRIGNY, coord 0292.

Rcn. Co. route together with the 2nd plat moved to a point W of HANDAINVILLE, where the pioneer and Hq. plats went into bivouac and the 2nd Plat established an OP in the vicinity of CAVILLES. There the plat engaged about 200 Germans, shot up about 50 and took 1 prisoner. One EM of the 749th Tank Battalion from the Germans who had taken him prisoner some days before the 1st plat was working with Co. A and the 3rd plat with Co. C. The CP was located at ST FELIX.

3rd Plat moved on to at 0800 hours with the advance elements of the 313th Inf. CT. marched to position at HOUDAINVILLE at 1500 hours. Remainder of Co. moved out from BERVILLE, at 0800 hours, with CT 315th Inf. to a position about 500 yards S of Co. at CORCOURT at 1500 hrs. 2nd Plat went into position and fired 29 rds HE at enemy column at coord 0970 about 4000 yards range. The column and the troops scattered but the extent of the damage was unknown. At 1500 hrs. the 1st plat went into position at FOURNEUX, firing 43 rds HE at enemy column coord 1195. At 1800 hours the 1st plat went into position coord 0896 and fired 42 rounds of HE at about 50 Germans with mortars at coord 1096, silencing German mortars. At 1900 hours 1st and 2nd plats moved into position at coord 0897. Co. CP moved to position 1500 yards of W of ANGY (0696)

The Company closed in on an area 1 mile W of MOUI, at coord 0593. The Co. CP of Co. C moved 20 miles to HERMES, coord 0298.